exemption from price control to the company in respect of the drug for which technology has been developed by them through own R&D efforts or through National laboratories for a period of 5 years from the date of commercial production.

(e) The benefit in question has not been extended to any company so far.

(f) Does not arise.

Price of proluton depot

758. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of Proluton Depot at present and what was the price before DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that this product is outside price control;

(c) what is the bulk drug price and mark up shown in the break up submitted to his Ministry for this product;

(d) whether it is a fact that the bulk drug is likely to be imported by the company from their principals;

(e) if so, what is the quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise and what was the average CIF Price each year;

(f) whether it is also a fact that the price per injection is very high;

(g) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have received a number of representations for inclusion of this product under price control; and

(h) if so, the action taken so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) the price of Proluton Depot Inj. 5 ampx2ml. pack size is given below:—

Price before DPCO, 1987	Present Price
Rs. 169·00	Rs. 197·50 (18-12-90)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The bulk drug retail price as per Form-5 submitted by the company on 16-4-90 is Rs. 15.44.28/Kg.

(d) and (e) Import of individual drug by individual company is not monitored.

(f) The bulk drug in question is outside the price control.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir. These are under consideration of the Government.

BICP's report on the price of Sulphamoxole

759. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when did BICP send its report to Government on the price of Sulphamoxole and when the price was fixed;

(b) what was the earlier price and revised price per kg.;

(c) whether it is a fact that the recommendation was for the reduction of price;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there was abnormal delay in taking the decision on the report;

(e) whether it is also a fact that company was benefited by with holding the decision for reduction in price;

(f) what was the benefit to the company and what was the captive consumption and sale of formulation based on drugs during that period; and

(g) what steps have been taken to fix responsibility for this anti-consumer Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The BICP sent its report on the price of Sulphamoxole in June, 1990 and the price was notified on 3rd June, 1991.

(b) The earlier price of Sulphamoxole was Rs. 430/kg and the notified price of Rs. 399/kg.